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SUGGESTED REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.142(c)

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Sir:

Applicants hereby submit this SRR in the above-identified patent application

The above-identified patent application includes 10 claims, all of which are independent claims. None of the claims are multiple dependent claims.

Applicants hereby suggest that the Examiner restrict the claims as follows:

Group I - Claims 1-5 directed toward a surgical device for implantation in a patient for repairing a cartilage tissue.

Group II - Claims 6-10 directed toward a method for repairing a defect in a cartilage tissue.

If the suggested restriction is accepted, Applicants provisionally select Group I for prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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